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Rev. J. E. Cherry .....

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Bro. J H Goode ..... Seabord, N C
Bro. S L Johnson ..... Spring Hill, N C
Bro. J H Bratcher ..... Tarboro, N C
Bro. J M White .....
Bro. N L Smith ..... Scotland Neck, N C
Deacon A W Wood ..... Tarboro, N C
Bro. R W Whitaker .....
Bro. Willie Battle .....

PROCEEDINGS

Eastern Star Baptist Church, Tarboro, N. C.
September 30, 1930

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Session of the Neuse River Baptist Association met with the Eastern Star Baptist Church, Tarboro, N. C., Rev. C. T. Everett, Pastor. Rev. J. H. Martin in the chair.

Praise service was conducted by Revs. J. S. Lyons and R. N. Boone. Rev. Lyons lined hymn No. 417, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," etc. Rev. Boone read for scripture lesson the eighth chapter of Romans and offered prayer. Rev. Lyons sang, "A Few More Years shall Roll," etc.

The Moderator made some brief remarks thanking God for the privilege of meeting the Brethern again in another Associational capacity. Rev. Blacknall was asked to read the program after which a motion prevailed to adopt the program amended to allow the Association to make necessary changes. The Moderator asked the Brethern to continue in prayer for thirty minutes. Rev. R. W. Underwood led in singing, "Draw Me Nearer Blessed Lord," etc. Prayer was offered by Bro. K. V. Cheek. Rev. J. W. Blacknall sang "What a Fellowship," etc. Rev. R. N. Boone made some brief remarks. Bro. Cheek sang, "There is Joy in that Land," etc. Rev. W. B. Battle made some timely remarks. Other songs, prayers and remarks by different Brethern were very much enjoyed. After the devotional exercise the committee on hours of meeting and adjournment was appointed. The roll of Churches and delegates was called and the report on hours of meeting and adjournment was adopted. The Committee on Finance was appointed. (See Committee)

Dr. J. H. Moore presented Revs. K. V. Cheek, R. Farlie Fisher, L. E. Moore, Mrs. A. C. Tillery and Mrs. David Matthews. Each made some wery timely and impressive remarks. Benediction was announced by the Moderator.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

Praise service was conducted by Revs. J. S. Lyons and J. H. Graham. The Moderator was in the chair and announced the meeting opened for business. The minutes of the morning was read and adopted. The roll of Churches was called and Committees on Sunday School, Missions, Educations, Grievances, New Bodies and Obit-

uaries were appointed. After some brief remarks by Revs. A. T. Thomas and R. W. Underwood. Revs. F. L. Bullock and A. Boone ascended the rostum to preach the Annual Sermon.

Rev. Boone lined hymn No 417 "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," etc. Rev. Bullock took for his text Matt. 5:33-34. His subject was "Jesus Christ the New Way of Life. He set forth his text under three divisions, 1st The importance of living in the ways of Jesus, 2nd The beauty, 3rd It is a new way of life. Rev. Bullock preached a very good sermon. The collection was $6.35. Benediction was in order.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session

The devotional exercise was conducted by Deacon A. Wood. Rev. W. M. Weston read for scripture lesson, 1st Cor. 12th chapter.

Rev. C. B. Branch led in a very fervent prayer. Rev. J. H. Martin sang, "What a Fellowship," etc. The choir from Little Hope Baptist Church, South Rocky Mount, rendered excellent music. Rev. C. T. Everett in a well prepared address made the Association welcome. Deacon W. H. Hart made the Association welcome on behalf of the Churches.

Welcome on behalf of the Sunday School by Mr. J R. Irvin was very much enjoyed. Prof. W. A. Patillo welcomed the Association on educa'ion after which the Tarboro quartet favored us with a selection. Miss Mary D. Forman in a well prepared address welcomed us on behalf of the homes. Mrs Viola McMillian on behalf of the societies. His Honor, John H Price welcomed the Association on behalf of the city and white friends of the community. Rev. R. W. Underwood with words of eloquence and spiritual ferver very beautifully responded. The master of ceremonies turned the meeting over to the President who after some wery timely remarks presented Rev. S. Pittman to preach temperance sermon. Rev. Pittman took for his text 2nd Kings 21:20 and preached a very helpful sermon. The President asked Revs. C. B. Branch and J. H. Graham to take the offering which amounted to $7.65

Benediction was announced by the President.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

The devotional was conducted by Revs. S. L. Johnson, J. T. Bratcher and B. J. Tyson Sang hymn No 350. Scripture lesson Matt. 16. Prayer were offered by Rev. S. L. Johnson. Rev. A. T. Thomas led in singing, "My Soul Wants That New," etc. The minutes of the evening session were read and approved. A committee on revision of article 6 in the constitution was appointed. The report on missions was read and approved. The Moderator asked Rev. . C. Scott to take the chair (the Vice-President being out) while he

made his annual address. The committee's report on constitution was approved. Dr. J. H. Moore came before the house and made an appeal for Rev. P. E. Dickens (who has been sick for a long time) the Association responded to the amount of $12.00. The report on grievances were read and adopted.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Blacknall.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

Praise service was conducted by Revs. J. T. Johnson and Roscoe Batts, after which the President announced the meeting opened for business. By motion the minutes of the morning session were adopted. The reports on Sunday School Secretary and Auditor were adopted. The Moderator presented Rev. W. M. Wiggins to preach the educational sermon. His texual words were taken from Jer. 5:1 Subject, "A Call for Manhood. His outline was as follows:

1st. Manhood; What it is?
2nd. When a man?
3rd. Why be a man?
4th. The results.

Rev. Wiggins preached a very inspiring and helpful sermon. Rev. A. Bell beautifully sang, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again," etc. The Moderator introduced Prof W. C. Crover, Field Secretary of Shaw, who spoke very earnestly in interest of Shaw University. The program form Shaw was adopted by the Assoeiation. A collection for Shaw was taken by Revs. Moore and Wimberly, amount $11.16.

The committee's report on place was adopted. (See report.)

Adjournment was in order.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session

The Moderator was in the chair After praise service, the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. The report of committee on education was adopted. (See report.) A resolution offered by Bro. R. A. Cheek was adopted. The Moderator asked Dr. J. H. Moore to ascend the rostum to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Rev. C. C. Staton sang, "A Mazing Grace How Sweet it Sounds," etc. after which Dr. Moore took for his subject, "Divine Stewardship." Dr. Moore's sermon was a masterpiece, at the close Rev. Martin led in singing, "I am a Child of the King," etc., and presented Dr. M. W. Williams, President of the Wake Association, who made some timely remarks. Offerings $13.06.

Benediction by Rev. J. T. Johnson.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Praise service was conducted by Revs. J. T. Johnson and K. V.

Cheek. The Vice-Moderator was in the chair and announced the meeting opened for business Rev. G G. Edmonds was presented to preach for the Womans' Auxilliary. Rev. Edmonds sang, "There is Union in the Heaven," etc. Took for his text Psalm 66:16, and preached a very good sermon. Mrs. Clark sang, "Get Right with God." Mrs Mebane. Secretary of Womans' Auxilliary, who made a very splendid address. A motion pervailed that her address be adopted. Mrs Emma W. Johnson and Rev. F. L Bullock was asked to lift a collection which amounted to $7.10. After some discussion a motion prevailed that the Womans' Auxilliary would have a place on the second afternoon program of the Association.

After hearing Mrs Mebane's report a motion prevailed that said report be adopted. After some discussion a motion prevailed that the work of the committee on grievance be turned over to the Ministerial Board, the Association found that it had errored according to the Constitution. (See Constitution, Article 18) The Moderator introduced Revs L. T. Barnes, C. W. Brown, J. C. Owins and Shivers, each made some timely remarks. The Moderator extended to them the right hand of fellowship making them welcome to this body. The reports of Committees on Ordination and Obituaries were adopted. Dr. Cartwright came before the Association on behalf of the State Convention after which a collection was taken for a blind sister, amount $4.54.

Adjounment was in order.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session

After a very well conducted praise service by Revs. J. T. Johnson and J. C. Owins. The President was in the chair and the Minutes of the last evening and afternoon session were adopted. The report of Committee on New Bodies was received and approved. The President called the Ministerial Board in session while Rev. J. C. Owens intertained the Association with a short sermon. At the close of the sermon Mrs. Mebane spoke encouragingly of the Orphanage of South Carolina. A collection of $3 50 was taken for same. Dr C. C. Graham, Field Secretary National Baptist Convention, was introduced and made some brief remarks.

The Finance Committee's report was adopted. By mutual consent the Trustee Boards report was turned over to the Ministerial Board. Dr. Blacknall song, "Bless be the Tie that Binds," etc.

Thus the Sixty-Fourth Session of the Neuse River Association passed into history.

Rev. J. H. Martin, President

Rev. McK Nicholson, Rec. Sec.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brother Officers and Members of the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association and friends I bring you greetings:
We have come together once more to transact business collectively for our Association. Our labors in the past have not been all that we desired. Disappointments, discouragement hinderances of all kinds have arisen and no doubt have marred our efforts, and hampered our intentions but like heroes let us face the future tasks, and tackle the problems that confront us, honestly, fearlessly and courageously as servants of God, or in the words of the poet:

"To the work, to the work, we are the servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod.
With the Balm of his Council our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do."

GOD'S GOODNESS TO US

As I stand here and look over our ranks I am reminded of God's goodness to us. I do not recall the passing of one of us from the rank and file of our organization, into the great beyond. God has spared us for some purpose. May it be ours to discover His purpose and redouble our efforts to carry out "the great commission" that the kingdoms of this world might in deed and in truth become the kingdoms our Lord and Christ.

A RETROSPECTIVE GLANCE OF THE PAST

As we take a retrospective glance over our past we find that each can take common glory in our achievements. We cannot pass this gap without paying a glowing and due tribute to our fathers and mothers who wrought so well in their day. They laid well a foundation of faith on which to build; they have flung to us the challenge to carry on; they have handed to us the torch-light of christian education and civilization, be it ours to hold it high and keep it burning bright until a better day. Yes, carry on until a better day as God gives us light to see.

With a changed policy in our educational program there is every reason to congratulate ourselves. Marvellous has been the results accomplished. Our proud state has seen the necessity of raising its educational standard, rendering it almost impossible for secondary schools to exist, therefore our changed, policy became a necessity. Because of the rapid strides set in educational circles it becomes very necessary that the Negro ministry change its front, put forward its best foot to cope with modern conditions in a modern age. The Negro ministry must be educated and enlightened if the church is to hold its place among the civilizing forces or the world. Acrobatic stunts in the pulpit, whaging and toning will no longer take the place of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the pulpit. The pews are being enlightened the minister himself must become enlightened if he is to herald the glad news of an enlightened and risen Christ.

The hope of our race and the glory of the church depends entirely upon an educated, enlightened, moral minister.

Brethren, the age in which we live is far different from the age in which our fathers and mothers lived, we are living in the most progressive age of the world's history, an age when men live in the air, in the water and in thought.

We have outgrown the ox-cart age, the stage coach, the candle stick, the dirt road and all those sort of things, and we have entered upon an age that believes in doing things, and since we are living in such an age as this the church likewise must adopt modern, progressive ideas, we

must line up the youth of our race, or else above all of our structural efforts will be written the word: "Ichabod" thy glory has departed.

Youth, in our church program should be a church-wide movement over our entire field or else we may expect depleted congregations. Our entire church programs should be built around the youth of our race, the hope and stay of our nation church.

OUR CHURCHES

In casting about I find that a large number of our churches are not being pastored and as a result of our methods our Baptist stronghold is not being built up along sound lines. I long to see the day come, when our churches everywhere will cease to hold one Sunday service a month, service, but instead will adopt an every Sunday plan, and certainly adopt a plan whereby the people will have service at least twice a month. The community with a one Sunday service a month is not living up to its high privilege. I know that the radio, the automobile and the graphophone have made heavy inroads on the church, therefore we must right about face. Cry aloud and spare not until the people return back to our Lord and God Brethren this deserves our serious consideration and discussion that our people everywhere might be awakened and made to think along these lines of Christian activity.

We would be derelict to our duty if we did not call the attention of our brethren to the necessity of seeing to it that the Baptist pulpit is kept clean of all strange and heresey doctrines, slight of hand performances, burning incense and all that kind of tommy rot. It has been my very unpleasant duty as your Moderator and advisor to call at least two of our brethren into question on account of allowing their pulpits to be dragged into the mire of unbaptistic teachings, and practises during the year.

In the language of Jeremiah the weeping prophet of Israel, "Let us inquire for the old paths, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for body and soul.

In view of all these things which tends to lower our ministry, I recommend that we, the Ministers of the Neuse River Association:

1. Stand by Shaw University as our State Institution of learning.
2. That we continue our ministerial study at Bricks Junior College for six weeks during the year. Surported by our Association, inviting others to take part.
3. I would urge that this Association meet its former obligation by payment of its debts and standing clear.
4. That churches throughout the Association do not fail to foster and keep upmost in mind and heart its foremost mission, in fostering home and foreign missions the object and word of the church of Christ.
5. That our Association set the standard of representives of our churches 10 cents per member in order to care for the objectives of our Association, which should be set forth in our minutes and constitution.
6. That every ordained minister pay annually one dollar. Every Licentate pay fifty cents. Every Deacon twenty-five cents. Every member ten cents in order to take care of our Associational life, Educational Home and Foreign Mission.

BOARD MEETING

The Ministerial Board of the Neuse River Association met in the city of Tarboro, N. C. on Thursday, October 2, 1930.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. J. H. Martin. Rev. J. H. Moore presented Mrs. A. C. Tillery who made a statement

concerniug the expense of the burial of her husband and asked that the board would assist her to pay the same. A motion prevailed that a donation be given Sister Tillery.

The case was taken up against Rev. J. A. July, who was charged with having a woman in his church burning incense and teaching heresy. After much discussion the right hand of fellowship was withdrawn.

The Board reconsidered the matter pertaining to the disturbance at Crowells Baptist Church, after reviewing the report of the Committee. A motion prevailed that the matter be dropped from the minutes upon the grounds that the Association has nothing to do with the internal working of a Baptist Church. (See minutes page 20, article 13) Further recommended that Revs. J. W. Blacknall and G. G. Edmonds be appointed to attend a medting called by the Pastor of Crowell's Baptist Church and explain the action of the Association.

Rev. C. T. Everett was called in question concerning the same person of which July was accused of entertaining, We listened to the same statements from Rev. Everett concerning her teachings and practice. He stated that she is not in his church now, although he had been aiding in securing appointments for her. After advice from some of the brethren. Rev. Everett promised to discontinue his work with her. The following persons were elected members of the Executive Board, Rev. W. M. Wiggins, President, Rev. T V. Foster, Rev. McK. Nicholson, Rev. G. G. Edmonds, Rev. A. Bell, Rev. F. L. Bullock, Rev. J. H. Moore, Rev. J. H. Martin. Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Secretary, Rev. H. T. Thomas was elected honorary member of the Board.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid. (See Report.) There appearing no other business the board adjourned to meet at Crowell's Baptist Church, Tuesday, October 21, 1930.

J. H. Martin, President
J. W. Blacknall, Secretary

The Ministerial Board of the Neuse River Association met with Crowell Baptist Church near Tillery, N. C., October 21, 1930.

The Moderator, Rev. J. H. Martin in the chair. Rev. J. H. Moore and Rev. A. C. Matthews conducted the devotional exercises. The Secretary called the roll, after which the minutes of the last session of the Association were read and approved after some correction.

A letter was read from the Trustee Board stating that Bro. C. P. Anthony requested them to allow him until January 1, 1930. On motion his request was granted.

A letter was read from Rev. P. E. Dickens asking that Rev. J. H. Bratcher be examined for ordination to assist him in his work on account of his (Rev. Dickens) health being poor. The letter was received and a motion prevailed that the matter of examining Rev. Bratcher be left in the hands of the ministers of Rocky Mount. After some remarks on ordination a motion prevailed that the Association shall not approve of the ordination of any minister who can not pass an eight grade examination.

The matter of the Minister's School was taken up, on motion the first Tuesday in February, 1931 be the date of opening, and a committee of three was appointed to make the arrangements; as follows, Revs. A. C. Matthews, J. H. Moore, J. W. Blacknall.

On motion the Association shall represent in the Baptist State Convention. The Moderator was chosen delegate. Ten dollars was allowed for the Convention and ten dollars for his expenses.

A motion prevailed that the mission money be so divided that fifty per cent be used for home missions and fifty per cent for foreign missions.

There appearing no other business the board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Benediction.

Rev. W. N. Wiggins, President
Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Secretary

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Place

We, your Committee recommend that this Association will convene with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., Tuesday after the fourth Lords day in September, 1931.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. J. S. Lyons	Rev. A. T. Thomas
Bro. W. T. Grant	Bro. R. T. King
Bro. B. J. Spells	Bro. A. Northington
Bro. George Ivey	Bro. Simon Williams
Bro. W. H. Hart	Bro. T. Arrington
Bro. Fate Harper	Bro. D. D. Cooper
Bro. A. Fenner	Bro. A. F. Mosley

Committee on President's Address

We, your Committee on President's Address beg leave to submit the following:

After carefelly considering the well arranged address, we recommend that it be placed on the face of the minutes, and the adoption of the reccomendation set forth in said address.

Humbly Submitted,

Rev. R. W. Underwood	Rev. I. D. Scott
Bro. H. Newell	Bro. R. W. Whitaker
Rev. H. Whitaker	Bro. S. H. Lawrence
Bro. W. Quinchette	Bro. J. Howington

Committee on Officers

We, your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

That the now acting officers remain for the ensuing term with these changes.

1 Trustee Board, Bro. H. C. Coffeld instead of Bro. I. J. Juno. deceased

2. Ministerial Board, Rev. J. S. Lyons instead of Rev. R. J. Johnson, Rev. J. C. Scott in place of Rev C. P. Ivey, Rev. T. S. Sikes in place of Rev. I. S. Riddick, Rev. C. C. Johnson's name be reinstated on the Trustee Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. J. H. Moore	Dr. R. N. Boone
Dr. S. Pittman	Dr. J. S. Lyons
Dr. A. Bell	Bro. C. Whitaker
Bro. F. Wilkins	

Committee on Education

Recognizing the state of affairs in Eastern North Carolina the trend of times and that the Association must reconstruct the program to meet the conditions that confront us.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed from this Association to confer with Committees from other Associations with the purpose of organizing to foster a standardized secondary school to act as a feeder for Shaw University, the pride of North Carolina Baptist, and the training of Baptist youth.

We also endorse the six weeks Bible course fostered by our Association. We trust that our Brethren will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend.

Humbily Submitted,

Rev. E. A. Taylor	Rev. C. T. Everett
Rev. A. Bell	Rev. R. W. Underwood
Rev. J. T. Johnson	Rev. A. C. Matthews
Rev. P. A. Ivey	Rev. K. V. Cheek

Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas we know that God's word is all important and is a guide from earth to Heaven: We therefore recommend that every church in the Association shall be engaged in Sunday School work. We further recommend that every Pastor will engage in the same and do all he can to encourage his Deacons in the work of the Sunday School. We further recommend that each School will use Negro literature as much as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. F. W. Davis	Bro. W. M. Hines
Bro. R. W. Wells	Bro. H. Powell
Bro. W. M. Sykes	Bro. W. A. Kingberry
Rev. J. W. Lucas	Rev. D. L. Lawrence

Committee on Missions

Missions is the heart of Christianity, without it our religion is void. God is a Missionary God. Christ was the worlds greatest Missionary and his Holy Spirit is heavens chief Executive carring on the program of Jesus Christ through his church.

Therefore we as Missionary Baptist are under absolute obligation to carry forward a program of mission. His final order to his Church was a world wide program the envagelism of the whole world.

For a Missionary Baptist Church to be a new Testament Church it must not only believe in missions but actually produce it.

Therefore be it resolved that we as a Christian body do hereby declare our full allegiance to the Missionary program of Christ namely, Home, State and Foreign Mission. We urge all churches to inaugurate a mission offering each preaching day and see that it is forwarded to the proper source.

Faithfully submitted,

Rev. J. H. Moore	Rev. R. B. Bullock
Rev. E. D. Virgial	Rev. L. A. Tillery
Rev. M. D. Davis	Rev. R. N. Boone

Committee on Constitution

We, your Committee on Constitution beg leave to report the following:

Whereas, Article 6 in the Constitution requires Pastors to pay $5.00,

Ordained Ministers and Licentiates who are not Pastors $2.50. Deacons $2.00. Be it resolved that article 6 be ammended to read as follows:

Pastors $1.00, Ordained and Licentiates Ministers 50 cents, Deacons 25 cents, Church Membership 10 cents each. Annual members $1.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. C. T. Everett Rev. A. T. Thomas
Rev. R. N. Boone Bro. B. J. Spell
Bro. A. Wood

Treasurer's Report for 1930

Brought over from 1929	$328 42
Collected at the Association	322 15
Total on hand to date	$650.57

M. E. Martin, Treasurer

Ordination Board

This is to certify that Bro. John Bratcher came before us for examination and after giving him a fair and impartial test we recommend him to further studies. We have also examined Bro. J. M. White and recommend his ordination with the understanding that he will accept the course of training given by the Association at Bricks Junior College.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. J. H. Moore Rev. A. T. Thomas
Rev. W T. Edmonds Rev. A. Bell
Rev. J. S. Lyons Rev. R. N. Boone

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—NAME

This Association shall be known as the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT

The object of this body shall be:

1st. To promote the spreading of the Gospel in Home and Foreign lands, to insure a more intelligent Ministry and bring about a true Christian fellowship among the churches of this Association.

2nd. To help to maintain a school in Eastern North Carolina for religious training of our youth.

ARTICLE III —TIME AND PLACE

The Association shall meet Annually on Tuesday after the Fourth Lord's day in September.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS

The Officers of this body shall be President, one Vice-President, and four Vice-President of which shall be Moderators of the Unions, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Statistician. Treasurer and Auditor who shall be elected annually to hold their Office until their successors are installed.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1st. The President shall preside over this body, preserve order and see that the purposes of this Association are affected. He shall decide

all questions for consideration, ascertain and announce decision which shall be silently submitted to; unless, by an appeal by a two- third vote of those present. He shall appoint all committees. He shall strictly enforse the rules of the body. He shall see that each meeting is opened and closed with prayer.

2nd. The rules governing the President shall be applied to any Vice-President in the chair.

3rd. The Recording Secretary, who shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, compile the minutes for the printing and shall be responsible for all letters and documents committed to his care.

4th. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of this Association; inform the public; make appeal for and solicit a general cooperation in the interest of the body. He shall record the proceedings of both the Ministerial and Executive Board, write all orders issued on the Treasurer and report annually to the Association the same. He shall be furnished with postage and stationary at the expense of the Association.

5th. The Treasurer of this Association shall receive all funds contributed to the body. He shall pay all orders presented to him from the body signed by the Corresponding Secretary and President. He shall keep an accurate account and report the same to the Association annually.

6th. The Auditor of this Association shall audit the annual account of the President, Secretaries and Treasurer, which shall be submitted to him (10) ten days before the Association convenes.

7th. The Statistician shall collect, report and publish in the minutes annually the statistics of this body.

ARTICLE VI.—MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall be composed of Pastors belonging to this Association and delegates sent from churches belonging to this Association, and all ordained and licensed Ministers who are bonified members of their home churches.

1st. Delegates coming from these churches shall be required to pay 10c per member in regular standing in the church which they represent.

2nd. Pastors are required to pay annually $1.00

3rd. Ordained Ministers and Licentiates who are not pastors are required to pay 50c annually. Deacons are required to pay 25c.

4th. Annual members are required to pay $1.00

ARTICLE VII.---STATISTICS

Letters received by this Association shall express the total number of members in fellowship, those baptised, those received by letter, those dismissed by letter, those excluded, those deceased and the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled since last Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

Members chosen to discharge these duties have no power over God's heritage nor shall they have ecclesiastical power over churches of this Association, and no church shall intrude on the power of the pastor while in faithful performance of his pastorial duties. No pastor of a church of this Association shall be discharged except by a majority vote of the members and not then until his salary as agreed upon by the church shall have been paid. Any Minister or Ministers who shall be known to interfere with another Minister's church shall be dealt with by the Ministerial Board as it thinks proper, and it shall be the duty of all pastors and deacons of churches composing this Association to defend and maintain the Constitution of the same.

ARTICLE IX.---Church Letters

Any church desiring to become members of this Association shall petition by letter or by messenger and upon examination, if found in order, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to give the right hand of fellowship to the messengers, and welcome the church into the Association. Or any church or churches desiring to withdraw from the Association, must do so by a letter or messenger, requesting a letter of dismission. When this Association has granted this request, and such church or churches have united with some regular Missionary Baptist Association, and the Association receiving such church or churches has notified this Association of the same, its or their connection with this Association shall cease.

ARTICLE X ---Minutes

This Association shall furnish churches with minutes. The method of furnishing them shall be left to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE. XI.

The minutes of the previous session shall be read each session and corrected if necessary. The Association shall have power to inquire the reason that churches do not at any time represent in the Association.

ARTICLE XII

This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church which may violate the rules of this body.

ARTICLE XIII.---Boards

There shall be a Ministerial, Executive, Trustee, Ordination:

Duties

The Ministerial Board shall be composed of not more than twenty-five members elected by the body to settle grievances of the churches in said Association and foster church extensions and provide for Superanuated Ministers.

The duties of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have charge of all the business of the Association during its adjourn especially the payment of the Association expenses, such as for printing and distributing the minutes, newspaper publications and official expenses of the President and Secretaries. The Board shall not be composed of more than seven, elected from the Ministerial Board.

There shall be a Trustee Board of nine elected Annually by the Association. The Trustee Board shall have power to Execute all Negotionable instruments, transfer all property, sign all Mortgages and Loans.

Ordination. This Board shall be composed of five members elected by the body whose duty shall be to examine all applicants seeking ordination and pass upon their literary qualifications and to make recommendation of the same to the body authorizing them.

ARTICLE XIV.---Auxiliaries

All Women Organizations and Unions connected with the churches of this Association are considered Auxiliaries to this body and that one session shall be given over to them during our Annual session for their report and works.

ARTICLE XV.

The President together with the Ministerial Board shall have power to call an extra session of the Association at any time he feels it necessary.

ARTICLE XVI.

This Constitution shall be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Association in session, providing a notice be given twelve months prior to the desired change.

OFFICIAL ROLL

---OF THE---

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE NEUSE

RIVER ASSOCIATION

President, Mrs. J. P. Ransom ..... Garysburg, N. C.
Vice-President, Mrs. Hettie Clark ..... Scotland Neck, N. C.
Secretary, Mrs. L. V. Mebane ..... Rocky Mount, N. C.
Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Reid ..... Whitakers, N. C.
Superintendent of Young Peoples Department, Mrs. E. T. Johnson

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. Olivia Alston, Chairman ..... Mrs. Mary Reid
Mrs. L. V. Mebane ..... Mrs. J. P. Ransom
Rev. J. W. Blacknall ..... Mrs. M. E. Sanderlin
Mrs. E. T. Johnson

COUNTY WORKERS

Northampton County-Mrs. M. A. Lockhart, Mrs. Nellie Harding, Mrs. Ester Crossland.
Edgecombe County-Mrs. Mary Reid.
Nash County-Mrs. L. V. Mebane.
Halifax County-Mrs. M. E. Sanderlin.

UNION OFFICERS

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PROCEEDINGS

Roanoke Chapel Church, Rev. S. Pittman, Pastor
Garysburg, N. C., September 21-23, 1930

Friday Afternoon

At 3 P. M. a spiritual praise service was conducted by Sisters Lockhart, Goode and Bragg. The Sisters entered into the spirit of the meeting, and after prayers and songs Sister L. V. Mebane conducted the Bible lesson--Theme--Consecration, Romans 12:1-9. After defining the word Consecration, she spoke of the various things that prevented a consecrated life. She made a fervent appeal to take Jesus into our lives more closely and let Him use us for His honor and glory, and cloeed with singing, "I am thine O Lord." Several commented upon the topic and all felt the hour well spent. The President, Mrs. J. P. Ransom came forward and made some timely remarks. Welcome addresses were made by Deacon Pittman, Sisters Alston and Brodie. Deacon Pittman lifted a collection of $1.01

We then adjourned for dinner and enjoyed the excellent things prepared for us.

Friday Night

After waiting for some time for the speaker of the hour Rev. Pittman who failed to show up. The President invited Revs. Alston and Brodie to conduct the service and preach a short sermon.

Rev. Brodie took for his text John 21:22 theme-Following Jesus. He preached an earnest practical sermon which was commented upon by Rev. Alston. All seemed to enjoy the sermon. Sister Mebane spoke of the change of meeting from Enfield to Garysburg, and the badly printed program with parts ommitted had something to do with the small deiegation she thought. Mr W. L. Rawls lifted a collection of $2.80 and after some announcements the session was closed with benediction by Rev. Alston.

Saturday Afternoon

Praise service was conducted by Sisters Benjamin, Harding, Brodie and Jones. After which Bible lesson was given by Sister Mebane, Theme-Women and Service. She took the Shunamite Woman who was called a great woman because of her service to Elisha, the prophet, Lydia and the women who conducted a prayer meeting down by the river side. The women who labored with the Apostle Paul, Anna, the prophetess, Mary and Martha. Sister Mary Reid sang, "Higher Round." Remarks by the President, Sisters Harding and Brown.

The following paid 25 cents on annual dues: Sisters Mebane, Ransom, Jones, Reid, Harding, Lockhart, Brodie, Cora Blacknall, Susie Coker, Ester Crossland, Lucy Boone and Rev. Blacknall. Sister Mebane asked for special prayers for Mr. Wade Allen. Sister Reid lifted a collection of $1.00. After benediction the session closed to meet Sunday 10:30 A. M.

Sunday Morning

Sunday School conducted by Supt. W. C. Doles. Lesson taught by Bro. Cary Johnson. Greetings to the Sunday School by Mrs. E. T. Johnson and Mary Reid. After Sunday School, praise service was con-

ducted by Sisters Lockhart, Crossland and others. Read part of 17th. chapter Ezekiel, after a very spiritual praise service. The topic was discussed by Sister Mebane on "What is a real Missionary Society."

"Am I Loyal to my Society? Why?" was discussed by Sisters Reid, Brown, Lockhart, Harding and Boone.

The Churche's attitude teward the Missionary Society by Rev. Boone, Bro, W. C. Doles and Johnson. Sister Reid sang, "Leaning on Jesus" The President came forward and delivered her annual address which was practical, logical and full of some timely advice. Her able address was discussed by Sisters Reid and Johnson, by motion the same was placed in the hands of a committee for further consideration and that it be spread upon the face of the minutes. The following Committee was appointed, Mrs. Reid, Johnson and Brodie. Delegates from Red Hill Church, Roanoke Chapel, Roanoke Salem reported. Also Sister Ester Crossland reported $1.25 and M. A. Lockhart $1 00 as County Workers. Bro. W. C. Doles lifted a collection of $3.68, representation fees $5.50 total $9.18. W. C, Doles, Westley Boone and Wiley Moore paid 25 cents. Following the collections Mrs E. T. Johnson came forward and conducted a very nice program consisting of recitations, solos and music by the Ransom Quartette.

Miss Emma Ransom and Mrs. Mary Brown lifted a collection of $3.50.

Rev. Robert Boone was called on to pray for Bro. Wade Allen who was in a hospital in Rocky Mount. Mr. Allen is a faithful worker in our Auxiliary and always attended our Sunday meetings. Rev. Boone prayed a touching prayer after which a collection of $1.00 was taken by Sister Reid for Mr. Allen. After benediction we adjourned for dinner and ate until we could eat no more.

Sunday Night

Praise service conducted by Sisters Boone, Bynum, Brodie, Lotie Davis, A crowded house greeted us to hear the Rev. T. V. Foster who didn't show up but as God never wants for a man he had in the thicket a ram in the person of Rev. M. W. Brodie who preached from_____ Theme_____. His sermon was powerful, short and sweet which we all enjoyed. Bros. Massenburg and Pittman lifted a collection of $5.00

After a few remarks by Sister Ransom. Sister Mebane made her report and the 13th annual session of the Auxiliary passed into history.

Tarboro, N. C.
October 2, 1930

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the annual session with the Neuse River Association in the Eastern Star Church, Rev. C. T. Everett, Pastor.

Praise service conducted by Sister Mary Reid. After devotionals Rev. W. T. Edmunds was asked to preach in the absence of Rev. A. Bell. Rev. Edmunds selected as his text Psalms 66:16. He preached an earnest, short and sweet sermon which made us all feel good.

The President read her annual address and after being discussed by Moderator, J. H. Martin by motion it was ordered to appear in the minutes. Sister Reid asked Rev, F. L. Bullock and Mrs. E. T. Johnson to lift the collection - $7.20. Rev. Bullock paid $1.00. Sister Mebane made her report this was commented upon by Rev. Blacknall. Total amount reported $39.59. Mrs. C. B. James and Viola Robinson reported $1.00 each. Mrs. Hettie Clark $3 00 from Shiloh Church, Scotland Neck.

Next session will be at Galilee Church, Rev C. W. Brown, Pastor, Tillery, N. C.

Annual Sermon by Rev. E. T. Johnson.

Opening Sermon by Rev. C. W. Brown.

Letter From Correspc nding Secretary

To the Woman's Auxiliary and Neuse River Association. In session at Garysburg and Tarboro, September 19-21, October 2, 1930:

My dear Co-Workers:

Another twelve months have passed into history, and we meet again in annual session to give account of our stewardship for the past year. As I pen these lines, I am reminded of a story written by _____ of a young rural maid who became tired of the forests, the fields and the brook over which she roamed and player when a child. She decided to go to the city and partake of its gay activities. She lined up with the youth and not a nook and corner of society's fast life escaped her, but finally she became weary of these and returned home finding at last home was the dearest spot to her.

After school closed, I was tired of the responsibilities and its reactions and when unexpecedly to me, I was requested by letter and interviewed personally three times to travel thru the North, with the Jenkins Orphan Children, Charleston, S. C. I accepted and have been on the road 3 months traveling and seeing life in its various aspects, some days we had much to eat, some nothing but bread, some nights I slept in a bed, others a chair or hard seat was my cushioned bed. Sometimes it was rough and sometimes pleasant. One day I stood on Beacon Mountain in New Jersey 16,000 feet above sea level and the scene below reminded me of Moses on Mt. Nebo. After all like the fanciful and weary maiden in guest of pleasure I find the Old North State the best of all.

I have no report of work done nothlng in my hands I bring but simply to the cross I cling.

We had a splendid meeting at Garysburg. The pastor and deacons of Roanake Chapel Church turned over the church to us and went about their business and left us to do as we please and we did it. We sang, prayed, preached, slept, ate, drank and made merry. Part of the time not a preacher or deacon present, but we never have been to a church where tqe people turned out better, or were more co-operative than the members of Roanoke Chapel Church. We really had a good time, we had no bosses to dictate to us or rise to "pints" on us. You all left us to ourselves, totally neglected us, but some day you will want us, will need us and we will be found wanting. We didn't raise much money for like you all we are doing nothing, so nothing from nothing leaves nothing. We have a few dollars which we will keep until we decide to do something. However in our Garysburg meeting we decided to do our educational work with the Roanoke Institute, Elizabeth City, and will do one of the three things viz., Either furnish a room there in the name of our Auxiliary; Give a scholarship or assist in establishing a missionary Training school for Girls. We have already conferred with leading officials of the East Roanoke Association, and trust by our next meeting to have something definite and tangible to report to you.

The President, Sister Ransom reindorsed the recommendation which I have made several times concerning a scholorship for an African student. At our meeting we began our subscription list asking 25 women and men to pledge to give $1.00 each toward this fund. We have already $21.00 in pledges and feel certain we meet next year we will have more than $25.00 to send to Africa.

The Young People's Department under Mrs. Emma W. Johnson who is very active. They had a splendid program. by another year we believe they too will have a definite plan to assist in African Missions.

We had three splendid sermons by Revs. Alston, R. Brodie and M. W. Brodie. The last two are young men and if they study and make better

preparation they will be ministers of whom our denomination will be proud to have.

We raised only $30.75 in our meeting and are giving you a small donation for the minutes which we never see until we get to the Association and borrow one from someone.

Finally brethren of the Neuse River Association, regardless of your failures in the past, we are still hoping that the faith and spirit of our sainted fathers who have passed into the great beyond might yet hover over you and that you will catch the vision for greater kingdom extension and like Joshua of old you will go up and posess the land for you are able.

Yours for a larger service,
L. V. Mebane, Cor. Secretary

President's Address

To the Woman's Auxiliary Neuse River Association,
My dear Sisters:

Without any soliciting on my part, and to my great surprise you saw fit to elect me as your President. Reluctantly, I accepted, because, in the first place, for ten years you had as your leader the scholarly and beloved Mrs. J. W. Wood. Certainly I do not come up to her in education, but this one thing I do know, she was not a better Christian, was not more loyal and consecrated to the work than I, for as you all know, I was in the Auxiliary when it was organized, have not followed it for the fishes and loaves, for there is no woman in the organization that has put more money in it than I. Yea, I am in it to spend and to be spent as long as there is an Auxiliary.

I have no flowery speech or address to make, I leave this for Sister Mebane and others, but out of the fullness of my heart I want to say a few words to see if I can arouse you women to a greater task.

Sisters it is true we have no definite object before us, and yet we do have many; for what greater objects can we have as older women, than to encourage and inspire the women, and the girls and boys to be more active in the Churches, more obedient to their parents and truer to Jesus Christ.

As your President, I want to recommend.

1st. That as women we be real living examples for Jesus Christ. Sisters, we have departed from the old land mark. We are following so many styles and fashions, so many ists and isms until Jesus is crowded out of our lives and the Holy Spirit has no chance to operate upon us. Where are the good old Marys and Marthas that sat at Jesus' feet to learn of him and wait upon him? Where are the women of great faith and prayer like Timothy's grandmother. Where are the women that helped the Apostle Paul, where are the women like Lydia who conducted prayer meetings down by the river side?

They have departed, they are going to the movies, giving club and house parties and playing cards, smoking and drinking, wearing their dresses above the knees trying to temp ungodly men. I mean, we older ones are doing this. Come back Sisters, come back and let's be better examples for the young women and better leaders.

2nd. Our Cor. Secretary, Sister Mebane has for several years in her report recommended that we do something tangible for Missions. She has asked that we give the small amount of $25.00 toward the education of an African boy or girl.

Nothing has ever been done along this line and I presume we are waiting for Sister Mebane to go out and raise this money. I want to sug-

gest that in this meeting we start this fund with Sister Mebane as Chairman. That 25 women pledge to give or send from your Church, $1.00 per year for the African fund and that Sister Mebane send this money in after each annual meeting, and that this adopted child be named after Sister Mebane or by her.

3rd. The we continue our interest in the Woman's State Convention and cooperate more fully with them.

As I close let me beseech you as Christian women to make yourselves worthy of the exalted place to which God and man has lifted us.

We are supreme in the home for its said,

"The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world. In the Church our services are sought and needed, for we are the Churche's most devoted workers.

In the nation women are rendering valuable service in polities, against intemperance and contending for a single standard of morals for men and the highest protection of womanhood. As God hath exalted us others less fortunate than we, for as the poet has said, "Not alone in crowded alleys, Do we find the sorest need, There is sorrow in the palace, There are hearts that break and bleed, Scattered sunshine, brother, sister. Sympathize with smile or tears, Make the whole wide world the better, By your tender words of cheer."